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may still believe. Both are equally dangerous.

5. "The people of Yugoslavia were very surprised and felt that they had been abandoned by their Western democratic friends when BBC, after the break between the Cominform and Tito, declared that, 'The great majority of Yugoslav people support Tito'. This is not true. The Yugoslav people do not, and, will not, support either Tito or the Cominform. After the Cominform-Tito split, Tito's regime did not change, and it will not undergo any change. We should like to warn our Western friends that they will commit the greatest possible mistake, if they believe any of Tito's promises or tales of Tito's nationalism. It is not true, that Tito, because of love of his country, has refused to subordinate his country's interests to those of Soviet Russia. He continues to be a Communist of the strongest Marxist-Leninist line. Even the highest Communist leaders in Yugoslavia are convinced that Moscow wishes to liquidate Tito for one reason only: because Tito is trying to lead the Communist movement in Europe behind Moscow's back, and because he desires, in his pathological ambition, to already become Stalin's successor, while Stalin still lives.
6. "The Central Committee of Yugoslav Communist Party has issued to its trusted officials the following interpretation of its policy for the East and the West: 'The new Yugoslavia (i.e., Tito's Yugoslavia) is determined to follow the Communist line. Our main aim is to develop a Socialist state. At all costs we intend to remain in the Eastern bloc of democracies. If the Cominform countries continue to violate trade agreements with Yugoslavia, we shall be forced to divert our trade to the West, but this will not affect our domestic or foreign policy. The Western Powers would like to draw us into the Western bloc, however, we know that this could be accomplished only with the loss of our heads. For this reason we will not give the Western Powers any political concessions. Furthermore, we know that Russia will never push Yugoslavia directly into the hands of the West, for that would mean that Russia has lost the cold war with the United States. Therefore, we can be absolutely certain that we shall be able to continue our, to some degree, independent foreign policy, both toward the East and the West, until our relations with the Cominform are settled. Sooner or later we shall again be reunited with the family of the peoples' democracies, headed by Soviet Russia.'
7. "The Slovene Underground Movement would like to submit to the Western democratic governments the following suggestions: Tito's Communists will never turn to the West. They will never become your sincere friends. Your only friends in Yugoslavia are the millions of oppressed people. If you will support Tito, you will kill in the hearts of those millions their faith in your ideals of truth, justice, democracy and human rights. If this were to happen, it would appear to them that all the principles which you have proclaimed have only been mockery. We understand that you will try to bargain with Tito and keep him from Moscow, however, in doing this you should make a clear distinction between your politics and the approval of Tito's domestic policy, which is and will remain definitely Communistic and no different from that of Soviet Russia. We are firmly convinced that you will never sacrifice or betray your suffering democratic friends in Yugoslavia. The application of any improper foreign policy would definitely lead to such a misfortune.
8. "Recently, irresponsible Yugoslav immigrants in Austria and Trieste have mailed Matjazew Glas to many non-Communists. As a result there have been several innocent persons sentenced to five years' imprisonment, and all their property confiscated. This has aroused great indignation in the people and some ill will toward the Allies, since the people believe that they are financially supporting this publication. If this is true, the Slovene Underground Movement kindly requests the Allied authorities in Austria and Trieste not to support irresponsible persons who cause unnecessary hardships in the homeland. We are prepared to undergo sacrifices

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at such time as they will be of advantage to our common cause. Today, we are much better informed by listening to Radio Trieste II, (in Slovene), the Voice of America and BBC than by reading Matjazev Glas. However, if you continue to send this publication into Yugoslavia, send it to Communists and not to non-Communists, to whom it only causes damage."

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